
42 U.S. Code § 1769b-1

Training, technical assistance, and food service management institute

(a) General authority

The Secretary—

(1) subject to the availability of, and from, amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (e)(1), shall conduct training activities and provide—

(A) training and technical assistance to improve the skills of individuals employed in—

- (i) food service programs carried out with assistance under this chapter and, to the maximum extent practicable, using individuals who administer exemplary local food service programs in the State;
- (ii) school breakfast programs carried out with assistance under section 1773 of this title; and
- (iii) as appropriate, other federally assisted feeding programs; and

(B) assistance, on a competitive basis, to State agencies for the purpose of aiding schools and school food authorities with at least 50 percent of enrolled children certified to receive free or reduced price meals (and, if there are any remaining funds, other schools and school food authorities) in meeting the cost of acquiring or upgrading technology and information management systems for use in food service programs carried out under this chapter and section 1773 of this title, if the school or school food authority submits to the State agency an infrastructure development plan that—

- (i) addresses the cost savings and improvements in program integrity and operations that would result from the use of new or upgraded technology;
- (ii) ensures that there is not any overt identification of any child by special tokens or tickets, announced or published list of names, or by any other means;
- (iii) provides for processing and verifying applications for free and reduced price school meals;
- (iv) integrates menu planning, production, and serving data to monitor compliance with section 1758(f)(1) of this title; and
- (v) establishes compatibility with statewide reporting systems;

(C) assistance, on a competitive basis, to State agencies with low proportions of schools or students that—

- (i) participate in the school breakfast program under section 1773 of this title; and
- (ii) demonstrate the greatest need, for the purpose of aiding schools in meeting costs associated with initiating or expanding a school breakfast program under section 1773 of this title, including outreach and informational activities; and

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